IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

INMATES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA :

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, : CIVIL ACTION

NO. 02-2687

Plaintiffs,

:

v.

:

THOMAS W. CORBETT, JR.,

et al.,

: :

Defendants.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 18th day of December 2006, it is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to compel complete production of documents to Plaintiff (doc. no. 113) is DENIED.¹

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/Eduardo C. Robreno
EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.

Plaintiff's motion to compel complete production is more properly read as a motion to void the parties' stipulation of confidentiality. The stipulation, although not formally approved by the Court, was animated by Defendants' concern over the penological implications of releasing parole documents and confidential inmate files to an inmate. Unlike most stipulations of confidentiality in commercial disputes, a stipulation of confidentiality in a prisoner's rights case squarely implicates the public interest. See McGoy v. Ray, 164 Fed. App'x 876, 878 (11th Cir. 2006); Dennison v. Pa. Dep't of Corr., 268 F. Supp. 2d 387, 398 (M.D. Pa. 2003).

In this case, good cause for a protective order is shown, and the parties' stipulation is deemed by the Court as a protective order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

To the extent there are narrow and discrete documents concerning Plaintiff herself that Plaintiff will need to view in order effectively prosecute this case, Plaintiff may seek a modification of the protective order.